

Berri threatens to block polls

DAMASCUS (R) — Lebanese Shi'ite leader Nabih Berri said Tuesday he would block presidential elections due by September unless Lebanon's constitution was changed first. He told Reuters in an interview that to hold the polls without amending the constitution would be to approve a system which favoured the Christian minority over the Muslim majority. He said the system, under which the president is always a Christian, was intolerable and until it was altered there would be no end to bloodshed in Lebanon. Berri, who heads the pro-Syrian Amal militia, said he would form a national front to campaign against holding the election unless agreement was reached on political changes. "We confirm that we will oppose the presidential election if it is not preceded by a reconciliation," he said. "Frankly, we will try to delay the election until a national agreement is reached." Berri said the parties involved should reach a written accord on relations with Syria, the unity of Lebanon, resistance against Israel, security in southern Lebanon and security of U.N. forces.

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AROUND THE WORLD...

Junejo, Bhutto to discuss polls

KARACHI (R) — Recently-dismissed Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo and a leading opposition leader, Benazir Bhutto, are likely to meet in a few days to discuss elections, opposition sources said Tuesday. They said Bhutto was ready to meet Junejo, who was fired by President Mohammad Zia Ul Haq May 29. Zia also dissolved assemblies and announced fresh elections within 90 days.

Top Israeli official visits Egypt

CAIRO (R) — A surprise visit to Cairo by a top Israeli official prompted speculation Tuesday that Israel and Egypt planned to discuss their outstanding differences. Egypt's national Middle East News Agency (MENA) said Avraham Tamir, director general of the Israeli foreign ministry, would hold important talks with Egyptian officials. But Egyptian Foreign Ministry sources said Tamir, who arrived unexpectedly Monday night, had not requested any appointments.

Ethiopia says rebels routed

ADDIS ABABA (AP) — Ethiopian troops have routed guerrillas from three towns in northern Tigre and Wollo provinces, including the important relief food distribution centre of Alama, the Ethiopian news agency reported Tuesday. The state agency said the Third Liberation Army "has cleared the towns of Marchew and Amba Alage in Eritrea and Alama, in Wollo, of terrorist bandit groups."

Ershad fires religion minister

DHAKA (AP) — President Hussein Mohammad Ershad Tuesday fired his religious affairs minister, but an official announcement gave no reason for the dismissal. The terse, one-sentence statement said: "The president has relieved Religious Affairs Minister Maulana Abdul Mannan of his responsibilities with immediate effect." It did not name a successor for Mannan.

Greece examines U.S. request

ATHENS (R) — Greece said Tuesday it was examining a U.S. request to extradite a Palestinian to face charges stemming from a 1982 explosion aboard a Pan American World Airways plane that killed one person and wounded 15. Justice Minister Agamemnon Koutsogiannis said Mohammad Rashid was being held in an Athens prison and the Justice Ministry and "set into motion the procedure for the examination of Washington's request."

EEC appeals to Pretoria

LUXEMBOURG (AP) — The European Economic Community (EEC) appealed Tuesday to South Africa not to hang six blacks sentenced to death for participating in the 1984 mob slaying of a black mayor near the city of Sharpeville. In a statement, the EEC foreign ministers "expressed their deep distress and concern about the fate" of the five men and one woman, known as the Sharpeville six. On Monday, a South African court refused to order a retrial for the six.

OPEC Fund reelects chairmen

VIENNA (R) — Finance ministers of the 13 OPEC states met in Vienna Tuesday to reelect the chairman and vice-chairman of the OPEC Fund for International Development. Venezuelan Finance Minister Hector Hurtado will serve for another year as chairman of the fund. The United Arab Emirates finance and industry minister, Sheikh Hamdan Ibn Rashid Al Maktoum, was reelected vice-chairman.

British Labour aide quits

LONDON (AP) — A senior Labour Party official resigned Tuesday, plunging the opposition party into renewed disarray over moves to ditch its vote-losing pledge of unilateral nuclear disarmament. Legislator Denzil Davies, the party's top parliamentary spokesman on defence, said the "last straw" was a statement by party leader Neil Kinnock in a June 5 television interview that Labour's "something-for-nothing unilateralism" was outmoded. "I am fed up with being humiliated by Mr. Kinnock," Davies said in an announcement.

Israeli civil servants strike

TEL AVIV (AP) — Israel's 60,000 unionised civil servants went on an indefinite strike Tuesday, disrupting work at courts and hospitals and bringing Israel's railway to a halt. The strike also affected the interior ministry, which stopped issuing passports and identity cards, the employment service and the national insurance institute. At Ben Gurion international airport, only an emergency staff of ten out of 180 customs officials checked the luggage of passengers on incoming flights, Israel army radio reported.

Pakistan: No Iran nuclear pact

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Pakistan denied Tuesday reports that it had signed a secret nuclear pact with Iran. Reports claiming that the two countries have signed a secret pact to cooperate in the nuclear field have been published in the foreign press, said a Foreign Ministry spokesman. "Pakistan has signed no nuclear pact with Iran," the spokesman said. He said: "No Pakistani scientist has visited Busher nuclear plant in Iran in recent years, nor are there Iranian nuclear experts receiving advanced training in Pakistan. The question of a secret pact does not arise because Iran is a signatory to the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and its nuclear facilities are subject to international safeguards."

Howard Baker resigns

WASHINGTON (AP) — Howard Baker, named White House chief of staff in the aftermath of the Iran-contra scandal, will resign and be replaced by his deputy Kenneth Duberstein on July 1, it was announced Tuesday. In addition, White House Communications Director Thomas C. Griscom intends to leave his post, but has not said when he will leave, said White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater. Although Baker had promised President Ronald Reagan to stay until the end of the administration next January, he asked the president to be excused from that commitment, citing the ill health of his wife and stepmother, who are both hospitalised, Fitzwater said.

De Mita holds talks in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Italian Premier Ciriaco de Mita called on President Ronald Reagan Tuesday after meeting with Secretary of State George Shultz to discuss East-West relations and Middle East peace efforts. Reagan and de Mita posed for photographers in the Oval Office before beginning their talks, which were to include a luncheon and formal departure statements on the White House lawn. Shultz and de Mita met for an hour Tuesday morning, but no details of the talks were immediately available.

King delivers lecture, meets Soviet envoy

LONDON (Agencies) — His Majesty King Hussein, who is currently on a visit to Britain, Monday delivered a lecture at London's Royal College of Defence Studies and also met with the Soviet ambassador to Britain, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said.

Petra did not give details. It said the lecture and the King's meeting with Soviet Ambassador Leonid Zamatin were attended by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem. The lecture was also attended by Jordan's ambassador to Britain, Dr. Albert Butros.

The King arrived here Friday from Algiers where he attended an extraordinary Arab summit on



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the Palestinian uprising. During his stay in London he is expected to hold talks with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

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"Does anyone doubt that the spread of nuclear weapons threatens regional and global security?" Shultz asked. "What society believes that, if it now ac-

quires nuclear weapons, its rivals would not do the same?"

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During the two weeks of speeches in the current session, most of the developing nations, Eastern bloc and some Scandinavian countries lined up against the West, making sweeping calls for a nuclear-free world and the calling for strong U.N. monitoring and verification.

Though Shultz said the United States and the Soviet Union had made great progress in weapons reductions, he did not endorse a sweeping Soviet proposal for both nuclear and conventional arms cuts.

"We have made major progress toward a treaty to cut U.S. and Soviet strategic nuclear arsenals by 50 per cent," he said.

"I do not know whether we will be able to conclude such a treaty this year, but we will make our best effort. It is the United States' top arms control priority."

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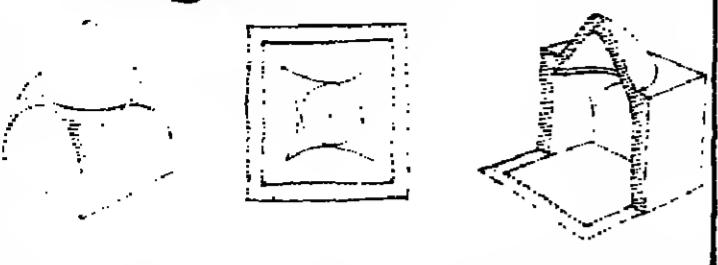
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Village Architecture



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Tibneh

The site

LOCATED 14 kilometres southwest of Irbid and nine kilometres west of Samad, this site is what has traditionally been the most populated part of Jordan. There exist within a 3-kilometre radius from Tibneh three other villages: Kufi al Ma' to the west, Al-Sarayeh to the south-west, and Inbeah to the northeast. This region, called Kura, lies between one of Jordan's greenest forests and the rugged land east of the Jordan Valley.

The forest southeast of Tibneh is probably the best preserved and largest stand of oak in the

country. There is relatively little settlement within the confines of the forest although it is surrounded by many villages. Unlike the trees of the forest of Al-Ajur south of Seil ez Zarga, the oak here is evergreen. The trees are smaller but denser and of a darker green, and in many spots they cover the mountains completely.

The western edge of this forest is a relatively flat plateau that is divided into parts by steep valleys running westward and filled with a strip of villages running north to south. Being an average distance of two kilometres apart, these villages form the western borderline of the mountain



Olive tree from Roman times

valley. The topography of the land makes this site extremely inaccessible. Even with modern road-building technology available, there is no road between Inbeah and Tibneh, little more than 2 kilometres apart. In travelling from one village to the other, one has to make a detour of 18 to 20 kilometres to avoid the deep Wadi Ain Sirin. Only two other villages are located on the same mountain range, Zubia and Rhaba, one kilometre apart and seven kilometres southeast of Tibneh.

The village

Tibneh is located on the southeast side of a mountain top, and from Jabal Al Ajami it is apparent that this village has lost most of its original fabric. Even though Tibneh does not have a modern internal road system, it is extensively developed and has concrete structures that overwhelm the traditional stone structures in size and number. The village is growing mostly to the southeast where modern houses unfortunately have begun to invade the edge of ancient olive groves.

Approaching Tibneh from the eastern side one can see parts of a wall that seems to be the remnants of a village wall. "Tibneh used to have a wall. It had only two gates — a gate near the castle and a gate to the qiblah (south)." "There used to be around Tibneh a wall, like Akka."

On the northern side of the village, where lie remains of what is called the "castle," is a large depression which was once an old pool. Approximately 12 x 20 metres and 4 to 5 metres deep, it is now dry. Another pool near the "gate," southeast of the village, became the site for a new mosque.

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My first day in Tibneh

I arrived in Tibneh the afternoon of Thursday, July 2, 1985. When I asked for a place to stay for a week or two, the villagers found an empty shop for me and gave me the key to the lock on its metal rolling shutters. I moved my belongings in, then left to tour the village.

Along a winding pedestrian

road that ties the upper parts of Tibneh with what has recently become the centre of the village, I made my first purchase. The large jar was kept on the roof of a small tabun in the courtyard of a house. When I entered the courtyard and asked if I might buy this jar, I was told by the woman that it was not for sale. Then I asked to talk to an old man I could see sitting inside the house by the door. Abu Nhar (I was told later that he was then 103 years old) was well dressed in traditional garb. Feigning ignorance, I asked him about the jar which he asked me to take down from the roof. I climbed up and handed the jar to the young woman who started to inspect it and dust it. It was a wheel-thrown olive oil jar with a rounded base and two handles, one of which was broken. Preparing to ask its price, I started pointing out the defects — its broken handle and a crack in its base. At the same time I asked if they had any locally made pottery. The three young women disappeared into the dark interior of the house and came out with two small pots, both containing the remains of antiquated olive oil. One was a pitcher with a long neck and a handle connecting the rim of the pitcher's neck to its shoulder. Capped with a stick in its spout, it was covered with the oil and dust of years. When Abu Nhar started scrubbing the pitcher, its original appearance started peeling through the peeling gray layers. Strips of brownish glaze seemed to be dripping from the top to the bottom of the vessel's surface, and other streaks of dark red dye appeared as though applied with a brush whose bristles had separated. Both the pitcher and the other small jar were wheel-thrown and slightly ribbed. They were not local but brought in from specialised pottery makers in Palestine. I bought the three pieces, the big jar and the two small pots, for five dinars and carried them to the shop where I was staying. When I came back to get the change I found that Abu Nhar had gone looking for change in the village and had not yet returned. I sat waiting on the steps of the courtyard gate, and after a few minutes I saw a

fragment of a broken clay smoking pipe on the ground. I picked it up and asked if I would like to see another big jar filled with olive oil. This jar was huge, perhaps 1.5 metres high, and was placed in a hole inside the house with only its upper half in view.

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Olive trees

The land southeast of Tibneh has one of the best preserved olive groves in Jordan, filled with olive trees that go back to Roman times. The groves still enjoy an environment that is relatively free of roads and development, and on dark red soil the ancient trees grow fruitful and healthy. The density of the olive trees is noticeably high. In the flat parts of the land between Tibneh and Jabal Al Ajami the trees are growing in a rough grid within such a short distance of each other that the tips of their branches often touch. They are of the same size and all

have huge trunks which are often hollow. In some cases the core of the trunk has completely decayed, leaving a collection of smaller olive trees growing in a circle on the perimeter of the disintegrated mother tree. They are remains of the living skin of a trunk that dissolved with time. All the trunks have wide bases which terminate in gnarled and twisted roots that look like the toes of a creature 2000 years old. The soil around these roots seems to have receded over the centuries, leaving the trees on lofty bases. The trunks appear as braided roots, dark grey interweaving strands reaching the top of the trunks and branching out into limbs with silver-green leaves and olives displayed against the still blue sky of Tibneh. These olive trees have interesting proportions; their trunks are far too wide for the amount of foliage they support, which not only gives them a visual disproportion, but also gives them torsos that make them look creature-like.

From Jabal Al Ajami olive groves appear as a woven shade of silver-green against the complementary red of the soil — a scene of utter delight.

Even though the inhabitants of Tibneh added very few new olive trees in the last century, the large quantity of old trees is significant, and olive production in Tibneh has made this village well known for its olive oil. Tibneh's agriculture is for the most part dependent on the ancient olive trees. Other crops include cactus and grapevine. Some of the remains of the traditional olive oil industry are scattered around the village; an almost complete olive press sits by the road near the entrance to Tibneh. The traditional process of extracting oil

from the olive is complicated and different in Tibneh from other villages. Described briefly, "We boil the olive and spread it on the roofs of the houses till it hardens. Then we press it."

The mosque

Mosques as traditional structures are hard to find in Jordanian villages. To my knowledge, there are only a few cases in which a village has a mosque that is built in stone and is as old as the traditional village houses. In most cases mosques are concrete structures built within the last 30 years.

Tibneh has three traditional mosques. One is a small building at the northern side of the village; it is a simple rectangle with an exterior staircase leading to part of the roof which was used as a minaret. Another mosque is now part of the first floor of the Straideh house. The third is the largest and the most representative of a traditional mosque. Called by the people of Tibneh "El Jame'a El Qadim," meaning the old mosque, it is one of Tibneh's landmarks. It is built on a bluff of rock, the southern edge of the tableland that forms the upper part of the old mosque. This location makes the old mosque easily seen from a distance, and because of the different nature of its stone, it is quickly distinguished from the houses of the village. Underneath the rock where this mosque is built lies a cave that is almost as big in plan as the interior of the mosque. This cave is reached from the courtyard of a house northeast of the mosque and was once privately owned by Musa Tojeh. Simply and powerfully proportioned, the mosque's plan is perfect square, 12.5 x 12.5

metres, approximately 5 metres high. The exterior walls are constructed of flat-faced stones of equal size, 24 x 34 centimetres. The elevations are simple: The front elevation faces northwest and contains the main entrance to the building. This entrance is set off-centre, to place it symmetrically would have been impossible since supports for the interior cross vaults occur in the middle of each wall. The entrance is not monumental but is small with a segmental arch that once had a stone with an engraved message above it. The southwestern elevation has an almost square window, and the other two elevations are identical. They each have a protrusion in the centre that gives the exterior effect of a mihrab. These protrusions are carried on corbelled stones and are placed on the two elevations that are on the edges of the rock, the two most visible elevations for someone approaching Tibneh from south or east. These two symbolic mihrabs, signs fixed on the exterior walls, served the purpose of identifying the building to a visitor who, if he did not know anyone in the village, would look for the mosque for rest.

Upon entering, one first sees the true mihrab which faces the entrance and thus is off-centre, and does not correspond with the symbolic mihrab on the exterior of the building. From inside, one can see the way in which this mosque is constructed. The interior is divided into four equal squares, three of which exhibit cross-vaulted ceilings that meet in the centre of the mosque and rest on a square column. The fourth, where the mihrab is located, is treated differently. Since that part of the mosque is in ruins, it is hard to tell how it used to be, but remains of pendentives suggest that the ceiling of that quarter of the mosque was a dome. This theory makes sense if we keep in mind that this quarter of the building also contains the mihrab which justifies a special treatment of the ceiling. Also, the fact that this part of the mosque is destroyed supports my assumption, for a thin dome would be the first section to collapse.

The western corner has a staircase leading to the roof where the muezzin used to cry the summons to prayer. This staircase is built into the thickness of the wall and is just wide enough for one person. It begins about 2 metres above floor level, suggesting that the first few steps were in the form of a wooden ladder, now gone.

It is difficult to date this mosque, but, based on the stories of the elders, it would be safe to say it is Ottoman. It is very possible that the mosque was built by the Zayadine in the eighteenth century when they were ruling in Tibneh. It has lain in partial ruins for at least a century. "It was ruined from its eastern side, and no one could rebuild it. We used to pray in it even though it was ruined."

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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

AL AHLI SCHOOL: Her Royal Highness Princess Basma Tuesday attended the graduation ceremony of Al Ahli Children School, which was held at the Hussein Youth City and presented the 50 graduating students with their certificates.

DEAF AND DUMB INSTITUTE: Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid Thursday opened a new division of the Holy Land Institute for the deaf and dumb in Salt. During the opening ceremony, he praised the efforts exerted by those who run this institute and called for giving the handicapped the necessary attention and care to integrate them into society. He later presented certificates to the graduates and toured the institute's sections.

HAJ HASSAN VISITS CAA: Transport and Telecommunications Minister Khalid Haj Hassan Tuesday visited the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) where he was briefed by its Director Mahmoud Balqar on the authority's work and the progress made on the expansion of the Aqaba airport. The Minister also visited the Queen Noor Civil Aviation Technical College and Amman airport, and inspected the new facilities there.

HAMZEH MEETS WHO AIDE: Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh Tuesday discussed with a visiting World Health Organisation (WHO) expert issues pertaining to primary health care. The WHO expert is currently on a visit to Jordan to discuss prospects for undertaking a study on primary health care.

THIEVES APPREHENDED: Public Security teams have apprehended three gangs of thieves who specialised in stealing cars and valuable items and money. Public Security sources said Tuesday. The sources added that one of the gangs used to rent taxis and to ask their drivers to drive to remote areas south of Amman and then to ask them to stop, and subsequently rob them of their cars and money.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION: Public Works and Housing Minister Shafiq Zawaidah Tuesday discussed with the Karak governor a number of issues relating to the construction of agricultural roads and improving main and side roads in the governorate.

OMAAN DELEGATION: A delegation of students from the Sultan Qaboos University in Oman visited the headquarters of the General Union of Voluntary Societies (GUVS) on Tuesday and were briefed by its secretary general on voluntary and charitable services that GUVS provides in Jordan.

GOVERNOR VISITS WADI ARABA: The governor of Ma'an Tuesday inspected public services in Wadi Araba south of the Dead Sea and met with the local residents to enquire about their living conditions and demands. The governor met with the local district governor and officials to discuss electricity, water, telephone and health services to the local population, and schemes being carried out in the district by the Jordan Valley Authority (JVA).

TOURIST GUIDES: Tourism Minister Zuhair Ajlouni Tuesday chaired a meeting for the tourist guides during which he called for the formation of a professional tourist society or union that combines all professional tourist organisations. After the meeting a new administrative committee for tourist guides was elected.

468 GRADUATE: University of Jordan President Abdul Salam Al Majah Tuesday graduated 468 students from the faculty of arts, including 106 students from the Faculty of Law and awarded them their certificates.

IRBID EXHIBITION: Irbid Governor Akram Al Naser Tuesday opened an exhibition of items produced by the vocational training centre at Hakama near Irbid. The exhibition which will last seven days displays samples of the students' production.

Expatriates to discuss investment in Jordan

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — An information committee preparing for the fourth Jordanian Expatriates Conference held a meeting Tuesday to discuss steps to be taken for covering the event through an informational network that would group radio, television and print media.

The conference will be held this year under the title "The

expatriate and the development of the homeland", and at least 600 expatriates from different parts of the world have so far applied to take part in the conference which will open on July 11, according to the Director of the Expatriate Affairs Department at the Ministry of Labour and Social Development Azmi Al Muhtash.

Jordanian exporters visit European markets

AMMAN (J.T.) — Which winter fruits and vegetables produced in Jordan will Europeans buy? What quality tomato will sell in Germany? Do the French want peppers packed in styrofoam or wood cartons in 5 kilogramme or 10 kilogramme containers?

Eighteen fruit and vegetable producers recently travelled to markets in France, Germany, England, and Holland to gather firsthand information that will guide their efforts to export Jordanian produce.

Upon completing their observation tours, they met in Amman to collectively identify constraints to exporting and to recommend actions that will enhance export opportunities.

The European economic market observation tours were led by Peter de Balogh, a senior marketing specialist.

Participants included Jordanian producers and exporters, and several officials of the Agricultural Marketing Organisation, and Agricultural Marketing and Processing Company.

The activity was funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Thief nabbed in Aqaba

AQABA (J.T.) — A thief identified by the police as 22-year old K.S.Y. was apprehended here following a series of thefts and robberies in the port city over the past four months, according to Al Rai Arabic daily.

The paper said the thief was in the habit of breaking into stores on Friday nights to steal cash and electrical appliances before

CORRECTION

Due to a translation error, the Jordan Times erroneously reported Tuesday that the Noor Al Hussein Foundation (NHF) was supervising the Jubilee School Project with UNICEF. The report should have read that the NHF was supervising the project with UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation) and the British Council. The Jordan Times regrets the mistake.

He said the Police Department here received the first complaint from the public on Jan. 11, 1988, and the last one on May 11, 1988. They had to work out carefully laid plans to apprehend the man, who was finally caught while trying to board a car heading for Amman.

Hiyari said that the thief had committed a total of 17 thefts before he was apprehended. He said a large amount of the stolen cash has been retrieved and returned to the legitimate owners.

REGENT MEETS SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS: His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Tuesday received in his office a group of Arab and foreign women who participated in a seminar on needs of women in management and leadership positions. The seminar, organised by the Queen Alia Social Welfare Fund, ended Monday. The Regent reviewed issues

related to women's role in development and Jordan's interest in developing human resources with particular focus on women. He said the seminar held in Amman would give positive results towards addressing the needs of Jordan and the Arab region. The meeting was attended by Royal Court Secretary-General Bassam Sakat and Higher Committee for Science and Technology member Mazzen Armuti.

Jordan to have 216 new schools

MADABA (Petra) — Minister of Education Thouqan Hindawi announced here Tuesday that new school buildings will be built in the Kingdom between 1988 and 1994 to replace rented buildings which serve as schools at present, and to give further impetus to the educational process in the country.

Speaking during a tour of the Madaba district, where he inaugurated a number of educational schemes, the minister said that

the school projects will be carried out in two stages, the first entailing the construction of 216 schools at a cost of approximately JD 300 million which will be obtained in loans from the World Bank, the Social Security Corporation and the treasury.

The second stage entails spending JD 232 million to build 520 smaller schools, the minister said. Hindawi said that the projects are essential to enable the Ministry of Education carry out the resolutions taken at the Jordania educational conference held in Amman last year under royal patronage.

At the outset of the tour, the minister opened a vocational school for girls which has workshops and other facilities and 28 class rooms, a preparatory school for girls which has 10 class rooms, and laid the foundation stone for a new building to house the Department of Education.

Iraqi Minister visits Jordan Valley

AMMAN (Petra) — Visiting Iraqi Minister of Agriculture Karim Hassan Rida Tuesday toured a number of agricultural and tourism projects in the Jordan Valley accompanied by his Jordanian counterpart Marwan Hmoud.

Iraqi Minister first stopped at the Dead Sea Resthouse where he met with district officials and

mayors of local towns, and was briefed on the development of the region.

The two ministers called at the Aride Tomato Processing Plant and met with the Jordan Valley Authority director and officials, who gave details on schemes carried out in the Jordan Valley

region, stretching 110 kilometres from the border with Syria in the north to the Dead Sea in the south.

The projects, they said, include dams, schools, health centres and water irrigation projects which benefit some 160,000 residents of the valley.

Amnesty seeks to open office in Jordan

By Najwa Najjar
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Amnesty International, a human rights organisation, has renewed a three-year-old effort to open an office in Jordan, and a senior member of the organisation is here to discuss the possibility with Jordanian officials.

Head of Amnesty's Membership Department for the Middle East, Ahmad Uthman, told the Jordan Times that an application to establish an Amnesty branch in Jordan was submitted by a preparatory committee made up of 15 prominent Jordanian citizens in 1985, but it was rejected.

However, Uthman, a native of Morocco, is more hopeful this time. "There is a chance the application will be accepted since the Amnesty branch in a particular country does not gather information on prisoners in that country," he said.

In the case of zucchini and tomatoes, for instance, Jordanian producers who visited supermarkets and street vendors abroad believe that they will have to adapt to the preference for dark green zucchini and for high grade large meaty tomatoes and cherry tomatoes.

The mini cucumbers grown here, on the other hand, are a product they will promote as an attractive new vegetable to Europeans.

Other vegetables they believe may be successful on the European market are green peppers and hot peppers, eggplants, and snow peas. Melons, lemons, and strawberries may also find a profitable niche in the winter market.

Whatever the fruit or vegetable, foreign buyers are looking for a very uniform and well presented product.

Opening of Al Bahama Terrace at Jordan Inter-Continental Hotel

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Clarity through dialogue

THE meeting yesterday which grouped His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, several senior government officials and members of the local press touched upon an issue that is central to all that comprises the state and people of Jordan: The relationship between Jordan and Palestine, and the duties and responsibilities of both parties. The issue has always been viewed as a sensitive one, more suited to private than to public discussion. But political reality and history have a way of imposing themselves on the landscape, and the period before and after the Algiers emergency summit has forced us all to reassess key elements of a relationship that goes back to the early days of this century.

We remain convinced that only through open and honest dialogue can such issues be dealt with in the most constructive manner. We also have absolutely no fears of such a process, convinced as we are that the dominant sentiment among both peoples is to work together in pursuit of common pan-Arab goals, while also allowing for expressions of distinct political identities, as His Majesty the King indicated in his speech to the Algiers summit when he was reviewing the Jordanian position vis-a-vis Palestinian national goals. Jordan and the Hashemite family have been deeply involved in the Palestine problem since its inception, and have made significant sacrifices as a result of this. The duties and responsibilities of both parties need to be clarified, within the context of similar bilateral ties between other Arab states, if we are both to play the most appropriate role in seeking to see justice done to the Palestinians, and to see the Arab states enjoy the fruits of peace and stability. Only through frank and comprehensive dialogue can such important issues be fully clarified to the satisfaction of all parties, and only with such clarity can all parties work together effectively for the common good.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: More summits needed

PRIME Minister Zaid Rifai has described the Algiers summit meeting as successful and reaffirmed the fact that meetings among Arab leaders are of paramount importance for serving Arab national causes. Such meetings, he said, are considered necessary for coordinating Arab countries' stands on all issues of concern to their nation. The Algiers summit's success followed that achieved at the Amman summit in November and set the stage for future successes by Arab heads of state who ought to meet regularly and look into matters of national interest. In view of the on-going Gulf conflict, the uprising in the occupied Arab territories and the non-ending crisis in Lebanon, Arab leaders ought to maintain their close coordination to find solutions to these questions and other problems that used to divide the nation. In his statement published by Al Sharq Al Awsat newspaper, Rifai referred to the positive atmosphere that prevailed at the Algiers summit, reminiscent of that which dominated the Amman summit six months earlier. The Arabs in both summits thwarted their enemies' wishes to see the Arabs divided and split over issues of national interest. The Arab leaders were successful and they ought to do every thing in their power now to maintain their solidarity.

Al Dustour: Uprising unveils Israel's face

THE present escalation of uprising in the occupied Arab territories has refuted Israel's claim that given time this uprising will subside and die away. What is happening now is a real revolution engulfing the whole Arab area under Israel's rule, thus conveying to the outside world a totally different picture from that which Israel was trying to paint. What is happening now is a national struggle bolstered every day by the determination of the oppressed people to regain freedom and by the sacrifices they have already offered towards achieving national objectives. Regardless of the cost they are paying in confrontation with the Israeli troops, our kinsmen seem to be determined to pursue the struggle and to maintain their uprising as long as their lands are occupied and as long as they face repressive measures and terrorism. The uprising is entering its seventh month with the Palestinians more determined than ever to thwart Israel's designs and to end the occupation and its ugly image. The new upsurge of anti-Israeli protests in the occupied Arab territories has shown that Israel's wishful thinking can never be realised and that the Israelis, who failed over the past months to quell the protests, will never be able to stifle the spirit of resistance.



Sawt Al Shaab: Iran's designs defeated

IT is becoming evident that the Iranians can never achieve any victory in the Gulf war, nor can they export their revolution to Iraq in view of the might of the Iraqi armed forces and the Iraqi people's determination to thwart any Iranian expansionist designs in Arab land. The recent Iraqi successes at Fao and the Shabani districts and the defeat of the Iranian forces prove beyond any doubt that the Iranians are in no position to pursue a losing war against an Arab Nation determined to defend itself from aggression. The latest Iranian assault east of Basra was met with a strong Iraqi defence, and the invading troops were crushed and were dealt an ignominious defeat. The defeat of the Iranian forces at the battlefield has been causing splits within the Iranian hierarchy and deep discontent among the Iranian people. The recent changes in the military leadership inside Iran can not compensate the Iranian people for their defeat and their discontent.

Israelis trod different paths in search of 'pure state'

By Mahmoud Abbas

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THE REVOLT of the Palestinian people still goes on and is becoming stronger. During celebrations of the "Day of the Land" (March 30) all Palestinians on the territory of Palestine occupied in 1948 and 1967 joined in the uprising.

Under these circumstances George Shultz toured the Middle East. However, the interested Arab governments refuse to reveal their appraisal of Shultz's plan before Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister who has already several times turned down the idea of convening an international conference, states his views.

It remains to be seen how the Jews generally consider all this.

The climate created among the Jews by the Palestinians' revolt is one of confusion. This is easily discernible. One can read about criticism, anger. Even mutual reprimands may be read in the papers, or heard about over the radio, or watched on television. However, regardless of differences, all of Jews, with the exception of the members of the movement "Naturi Carta" are united in the search for a solution that would ensure the survival of the state of Israel. They all agree that the present times are turbulent and the best possible solution should be found, however each one views this from his own angle.

Some consider Israel should pull out of the occupied territories in favour of the Palestinians. Others consider the problem might be resolved in conjunction with the help of Arab states. Others again consider the problem can be solved by annexation and banishing the Palestinians from the annexed territories.

All these approaches start out from the theory of a "pure Jewish state." They only differ over how this should be achieved. Some are in favour of withdrawal from the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, otherwise one day Israel might be faced with the reality of becoming a bi-national state. Others think a purely Jewish state could be established by annexation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip and gradually pushing back the Palestinians over the River Jordan.

This is how the essentially Zionist way of reasoning was developed, the reasoning of the aggressor, of the predator who cannot admit he attacked his victims and seized one part of their land after the other. Conversely, if he admits that he has seized one part, he must, by the force of logic, admit his original onslaught

and that he stole it all. Therefore the bravest among the "victims" say openly: "we are willing to accept compromise solutions, let each side give up part of its dreams, aspirations and what it considers its own."

When Moshe Amitar met Feisal Al Husseini he said: "You must forget Haifa and Jaffa, and I must forget the East Bank." When he said this Moshe Amitar realised that Feisal Al Husseini was thinking about the return of Haifa and Jaffa, for they had been his. Feisal and his people had lived there for centuries, this he could not forget, ...forget his own history? However, when Amitar spoke about the East Bank he was speaking about his dream. Actually Amitar substituted dreams for history in order to conceal historical truths.

If we were to judge by what Amitar and like-minded Israelis say, we might consider this as an indication of withdrawal. Let us consider this and study it carefully in the light of the existing objective and subjective political circumstances surrounding the Palestinian people and the Palestinian cause. Matters are clear: Amitar, having learned from history, is striving to save a part in order not to lose the whole, while he wants to get back a part, while having lost all. We would like to find a common language even with Amitar and his likes.

Jews in the world today are confused. They hear so many vicious and contradictory theories. What is their substance? There have always been differences in appraising the status of the state of Israel, especially between the Jews living in Israel and the Jews living outside Israel.

The Israelis think that Israel should be the home of all Jews, that an end should be put to the "diplomatic" and that all Jews should move to the state of Israel.

However the great majority of Jews living the world over — if not all of them — and especially those in the U.S., think otherwise. They consider that they have found safety, that they are living in peace and they are not prepared to give this up. However, this does not mean they have no understanding for Israel; and this they express in various ways, they tender their support if this does not clash with American interests. The Jews in other countries support the Israeli government's policy by tradition, they do not meddle in its affairs and they give assistance commensurate to the support and aid of the states where they live.

More recently however, matters have acquired a different aspect. The controversies in the Israeli government have caused rift between the two blocs making up the present ruling coalition. At the same time, political groups and forces are in collision, with each other, and with major groups. All this inevitably reflected on the frame of mind of the Jews in the world who have begun to voice their views on what is happening in Israel. The point is that they no longer believe in the Israeli government's ability to resolve the issue fairly.



MASADA, 1988

ences in appraising the status of the state of Israel, especially between the Jews living in Israel and the Jews living outside Israel. The Israelis think that the present conflict is a direct collision between the Palestinian people and Israel. If we except the 1982 siege of Beirut, the present conflict is for the first time so clearly between the immediate parties to the conflict — between the Palestinians and the Israelis. Since 1948 Israel has constantly been trying to prevent its wars as wars between Israel and all Arabs. This it did in order to create the following impression:

First: Israel alone is confronting all the Arabs, and in itself this wins it greater international benevolence.

Second: In this way Israel has shifted to the background the principal factor in all these wars, the Palestinian factor.

However, under the circumstances created by the present revolt, Israel can no longer ignore the Palestinian factor, for the Palestinians are at the heart of the conflict. In such a conflict Israel is using all available weapons and means while the Palestinians baredly, are fighting only with faith in the justice of their cause.

Faced with this fact many Israelis and many Jews in the world have been forced to admit that there is a Palestinian nation in Israel and they censure Israel for its shameful actions, not because they want to condemn Israel, but because they are trying to save its reputation and honour.

Latin America's last military strongmen defy U.S.

By Bernd Debusmann
Reuter

MEXICO CITY — Latin America's three last military strongmen are openly defying the United States, once a power that could make or break Latin governments with ease.

Washington takes credit for having encouraged the democratic wave which has swept Latin America since 1979, when Ecuador became the first of 10 countries to switch from military rule to democracy.

But the United States has been unable to drive power Latin America's remaining generals: Panama's Manuel Antonio Noriega, Chile's Augusto Pinochet, and Paraguay's Alfredo Stroessner.

"The dictators are thumbing their noses at Washington as if to show that the days of the big stick are over," said a Latin diplomat, referring to the late President Theodore Roosevelt's remark that U.S. policymakers should "walk softly and carry a big stick."

These days, the Americans tend to walk noisy but carry a small stick, say critics of the Reagan administration. During more than seven years of Ronald Reagan's presidency, U.S. prestige in Latin America has declined markedly.

Panama is a case in point, analysts say. Few countries have been tied to the United States as closely as Panama, where more than 10,000 U.S. troops are stationed along the banks of the strategic U.S.-run Panama Canal.

U.S. influence is evident from McDonald's hamburger restaurants to television soap operas. Through much of its history, Panama was run from the U.S. embassy as much as from the presidential palace.

The case of Panama

But for all its close ties and long dominance, the United States has been powerless to dislodge Noriega, a 50-year-old career officer who was treated as a trusted ally before Washington began siding with his domestic opponents a year ago.

Since then, Noriega has weathered figurehead President Eric

Arturo Delvalle's attempt to unseat him as armed forces chief — which ended with the ousting of Delvalle. A few weeks later, Noriega survived a coup attempt and crushed his army opponents. Diplomats say both efforts had U.S. encouragement.

A U.S.-engineered cash crisis wrecked the service-based economy of Panama but neither that nor a cut-off U.S. aid budged the defiant general. Noriega also struggled off a U.S. indictment on charges of having turned Panama into a conduit for Colombian cocaine.

And Noriega made a mockery of statements by senior Washington officials such as Assistant Secretary of State Elliott Abrams who in March reported that the general was hanging on "by his fingertips."

Three months later, his grip on Panama as firm as ever, Noriega told a U.S. newspaper: "I am not going anywhere. I cannot abandon my responsibility (as military ruler) nor give up my destiny."

Washington's efforts to pressure Pinochet and Stroessner into giving way to democracy have been less noisy than the Panama campaign but equally unsuccessful.

The United States welcomed the 1973 military coup which brought Pinochet to power in Chile. Washington long regarded Paraguay's Stroessner as a staunch and reliable ally in its international crusade against Communism.

U.S. support for right-wing military rulers waned over the last decade or so and by 1985, the Reagan administration proclaimed that Paraguay and Chile must follow their neighbours in adopting democratic rule.

Rude treatment

"The answer, then and now, is 'no,'" said a Latin American ambassador in the Paraguayan capital, Asuncion, recently. "And it is 'no' because neither Stroessner nor Pinochet believe their survival depends on good relations with the U.S."

Paraguay looks toward its giant neighbour, Brazil, for trade, aid and cooperation on such projects as the huge Itaipu dam. Chile receives no U.S. aid and does not

depend on trade or cooperation with the United States.

As a consequence, the United States has suffered rude treatment from both countries.

A telling piece of evidence of Paraguay's disdain for the mighty power to the north sits on a sideboard in the office of U.S. Ambassador Clyde Taylor: A tear gas grenade in a glass display case. Wedged behind the grenade is a Christmas card.

Taylor, who arrived in Asuncion in November 1985, and quickly incurred the wrath of the Stroessner government by meet-

ing opposition leaders, criticising human rights abuses and frequently calling for a transition to democracy.

In Chile, U.S. Ambassador Harry Barnes took up his post that same month and infuriated his host government for much the same reasons.

Both envoys have been vilified routinely in the official press of their host countries but only in Paraguay did the distaste for Washington's representative take physical form.

Last year, police lobbed a tear

gas grenade at Taylor at a dinner party given in his honour by an opposition group known as Women for Democracy. Before being allowed to enter the home where the party was held, a policeman stopped Taylor and demanded to see his identification.

The grenade on his sideboard is a twin of the dinner party grenade. The Christmas card, Taylor explained recently, was sent by the police officer who ordered the attack.

With appeals for a political opening falling on deaf ears in

Paraguay, the United States has added the dispute over drugs to its anti-government arsenal.

According to the State Department, Bolivian cocaine runners have bribed senior government officials into allowing the establishment of a new cocaine pipeline across Paraguay.

The charges echo those leveled against Noriega — and some diplomats in Paraguay believe they will have precisely the same effect: Stroessner's resolve to stand firm against the United States.

During his May 29-June 2 visit to Moscow, U.S. President Ronald Reagan, with speeches to Soviet dissidents and religious figures, managed to draw more public attention to human rights than to arms control.

A NATO foreign ministers' meeting in Madrid last week, at what diplomats said was West Germany's suggestion, even broached the sensitive question of how to promote change in Eastern Europe, where this century's two world wars have started.

British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe said: "The challenge is how to encourage change without precipitating chaos." He warned that the West should not appear to be destabilising the Communist camp.

The Western policy of trying to deal separately with the East European countries was rewarded last week, when the European Community and the

U.S. signed a joint declaration to open the way for official relations. This was clearly expressed by Professor Yeshayahu Laibovici addressing "Red Line" demonstrators, when on March 2, 1988 they set out for Jerusalem from the northern borders of Palestine. He said: "I have heard about the reactions of Jews in the world who say they are ashamed of the state of Israel," and added: "As a Jew I ask myself is there any need at all for us to found a state of which we shall be ashamed? If the present state continues such as it is it will inevitably become a fascist state where concentration camps are being built not only for the Arabs but for the Jews who oppose its policy (Yediot Acharonot — 3. March 1988).

All this explains the background of the present "Jewish battle of views" being waged in various different ways and judged in an unusual manner to which we are not accustomed. True, there have been similar cases even earlier. Especially during the 1973 October War and after the siege of Beirut in 1982. However, the present form of the "Jewish War" differs by violence and proportions, and the danger is that it has become known clearly and in public that these disagreements have spread to the Israeli establishment. This has happened mainly because of the coalition structure which cracked as soon as it became adequately necessary to resolve the situation created by the revolt and its repercussions on the international stage.

Ancient Jewish history created the "Masada" complex. "Masada" was a fortress on the Dead Sea. Here the Jews were besieged, and when they had lost all hope of being relieved, they decided to commit suicide. Hence the saying: "When the Jews are besieged they resort to suicide."

Some feel they are now living in a state of siege and their only thought is to break out of the encirclement or to kill themselves, nothing else. However, the great majority of Jews are not in such a frame of mind. Therefore they reason more calmly and can look more freely, they need not kill themselves.

In this context it

FROM THE WORLD'S PRESS...

Israeli parties get \$10m from U.S. Jews

AMERICAN Jews have given a record \$10 million in campaign contributions in Israel's two major political parties, a member of the Knesset said Sunday.

Yossi Sarid of the Citizens' Rights Movement called the raising of vast sums from non-Israeli sources "a scandal."

He fears that big donors might ask for favours in return from Israel's next prime minister. His own party hopes to raise \$250,000 in America.

Sarid's figure — neither confirmed nor denied by the big parties of Likud and Labour — comes five months before Israel's elections and could grow by November.

Some individual contributions to the Likud Party of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir or the Labour Party of Foreign Minister Shimon Peres came to more than \$100,000 Sarid said.

He called on Israel's state comptroller to make all campaign contributions public. The parties must report contributions to the state comptroller, but there is no law requiring public disclosure.

The American contributions are on top of money from Israeli donors. Israel's treasury is distributing another \$18.5 million to the parties, depending on relative presence in the Knesset — The Washington Times.

'Hostage talks' part of 'disinformation'

REPORTS from Beirut, that the United States is negotiating with Iran and Hezbollah, the Iranian-backed Party of God, over U.S. hostages held there are part of an anti-American disinformation campaign administration officials said Sunday.

Ahmad Besharat, a senior Iranian foreign ministry official who recently visited Beirut and Damascus, coordinated the campaign, the officials said. It resulted in a spate of reports in the British press and newspapers in the Gulf.

"The Iranians want to draw all of Europe and public opinion, into the problem of Beirut," one official said. They also are using the campaign to strengthen Hezbollah, he said.

The disinformation campaign coincided last month with Syrian and Iranian efforts to quell the fighting between Hezbollah and the Syrian backed Shi'ite Amal militia in the southern suburbs of Beirut where at least some of the approximately 20 foreign hostages in Lebanon — including nine Americans — are believed to be held.

While denying that the administration was talking to either Hezbollah or the Iranians about the hostages, the officials did leave the possibility open that some contact may exist.

"No one here is aware of a dialogue or any discussion going on the hostages with the government of Iran," one official said. "I can never say that there isn't somebody, some turkey somewhere in this government that isn't doing something, but it's very unlikely."

— The Washington Times.



Syrian soldiers relax in Beirut's sunshine

Three Lebanese children abducted

BEIRUT (AP) — The three children of a wealthy Lebanese businessman were kidnapped Tuesday as they were being driven to school in west Beirut, police said.

"I was hit in all directions and struck to the ground. I received five or six hard hits on the head, and one felt like an explosion," Nackstrand told the news conference.

Nackstrand, who has worked seven years in Israel, said he was then thrown near a police van and a few minutes later he was pulled into the van. He was held in the van for about 10 minutes until a senior officer, apparently realising he was a journalist, ordered him released.

Slater said the police ministry had failed to reply to a cable sent a week ago and protesting the incident.

Police ministry spokeswoman Mira Firestein said her office had received the cable and asked police in Tel Aviv to investigate urgently, but was still awaiting a reply.

Jordan has to carry burden

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asked.

The Crown Prince said that although there was Arab consensus to support the Palestinian uprising there was no agreed-upon criteria for this support and channels to be used.

"We will see in the next six months how Arab support will work," he said, noting that Jordan would remain the occupied land's "window to the east."

He said that at this stage of challenges and threats to Jordan, there was a commitment to "the principle of safeguarding the geopolitical stability of the area called the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan."

Making an assessment of the Algiers summit, Foreign Minister Masri said the conference took a clear stand on the question of the proposed international conference without imposing Arab principles for a settlement as preconditions for convening the conference.

He said the question of Palestinian representation — whether in a separate delegation or within a joint Jordanian-Palestinian team — was not discussed.

Masri said there was no definite amount of financial assistance committed on a collective or bilateral basis during the summit conference. He said the issue was left for further contacts.

Jordan's economy

On the economic situation in Jordan, the Crown Prince said a serious review was ongoing in the Kingdom of economic problems, including unemployment and poverty and that there was a growing awareness that the situation does not allow for protraction.

He called on economics writers

and columnists to focus on simplifying information to facilitate the people's understanding of ongoing issues. He said that articles on economy need to be supported by a strong information base.

The Regent said there was a need to focus on improving exports and looking into legislation related to industries and the private sector. He said that the banking system must move from their traditional role into a more active developmental role.

He called for establishment of an economic working team that would debate economic issues and problems as they arise.

Dr. Ahmad Mango, an economics consultant to the Crown Prince, said Jordan was an integral part of the region and could not isolate its economy from the rest of the world. "In the past two years, we have achieved economic adjustments in the public and private sectors without tough regulations and restrictions as in other Third World countries. We have kept imports open and maintained the convertibility of the dinar."

He noted that a decline in the rate of imports was achieved over the past two years, spending was reduced and there was currently a pressure towards further reduction of imports and in government consumption.

Mango said the economy had reached stability after a decline in the rate of growth, and that if the economy was not moved, it could stagnate. He said that the private sector was expected to be the engine of growth in the 80s and 90s. He said there would be a mid-term reevaluation of the five-year development plan.

The Crown Prince's meeting with journalists was held at the Royal Scientific Society.

The prestigious daily Al Nahar newspaper reported Tuesday that

Abdul Meguid calls on Israel to sign NPT

Egypt warns nuclear power is no monopoly

UNITED NATIONS (Agencies) — Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdul Meguid hinted Monday that his country could become a nuclear power if another Middle East state introduced nuclear weapons into the region.

"Nuclear technology is not the monopoly of a few, it is accessible to all," he said in an address at the special U.N. session on disarmament.

"Egypt will not remain complacent and she will take all necessary measures to ensure her security, once she is convinced that nuclear weapons are being introduced into the region."

Egypt would never allow a nuclear race in which one state became superior, he said.

Abdul Meguid called on Israel to accede to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and put all of its nuclear facilities under inspection and verification

by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), "so that the peoples of the region may be sure that its nuclear programmes are not oriented towards military purposes."

A nuclear arms race in the Middle East would threaten the security of the whole world, he said.

Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar should be authorised to appoint a personal representative, or a group of experts,

to contact the Middle East states with the aim of drafting a treaty and evolve measures to create conditions for a nuclear weapons-free zone, Abdul Meguid said.

The IAEA should be asked to prepare a study and submit specific recommendations for verification and inspection measures in conjunction with the establishment of such a zone, he said.

Abdul Meguid said that since 1974 Egypt had sponsored the idea of a nuclear weapons-free Middle East zone, which in recent years had been endorsed by the General Assembly.

"Such a consensus should be maintained and should not be impaired as a result of the military nature of the nuclear programmes of a country in the region," he said, in what appeared to be an allusion to Israel's nuclear capability.

"The introduction of nuclear weapons in the Middle East, or the threat of introducing them, will lead to grave and complex consequences and would create a very delicate situation."



Esmat Abdul Meguid

On June 7, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir called for a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East, but contended that the Arab countries had repeatedly refused to negotiate such an agreement.

Shamir said Israel would not sign the Non-Proliferation Treaty, under which non-nuclear states pledge not to develop nuclear weapons and allow inspection of their nuclear plants, because the treaty has not prevented conventional wars between some of its signatories. Egypt has signed the treaty.

White House shrugs off reported North plan

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — The White House Monday shrugged off a new book that says former presidential aide Oliver North proposed using British hostage negotiator Terry Waite in an attempt to set up Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi for assassination.

"We don't look into Ollie North stories," said presidential spokesman Marvin Fitzwater.

Fitzwater said events involving North, a former staff member of the National Security Council, were "a long time ago. I don't know what he did."

North was fired in November, 1986, after the discovery of an alleged diversion of profits from the secret Iran arms sales to the contra rebels in Nicaragua. North and three other defendants face trial felony conspiracy charges.

A newly published book by CBC network Defence Department correspondent David C. Martin and Wall Street Journal national security correspondent John Walcott said North proposed asking Waite to go to Tripoli to meet with Qadhafi.

Waite would ask Qadhafi's help in freeing the American hostages in Lebanon and then depart, leaving the Libyan leader to spend the night at his compound — where he could be the target of an assassination attempt, according to the book, entitled "Best Laid Plans."

The book said North's plan was quickly rejected.

Fitzwater bristled when a report suggested his seeming lack of interest in North's alleged plot reflected a lack of White House interest in Waite's plight.

"Wait a minute. Wait a minute. We're concerned about Terry Waite. The question was are we concerned about this... story. The answer is no," he said.

Ozal appeals for time to end fundamental Greek-Turkish rifts

Athens (R)

Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal said Tuesday it could take several years to resolve differences with Greece and appealed to the press on both sides to help the healing process.

"Turkish-Greek relations have come to a very critical point. We must be successful, but it may take months, even several years," Ozal told journalists.

Ozal is on a three-day official visit to Athens, part of a peace process launched in January with Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou during talks in Davos, Switzerland.

The visit, which ends Wednesday, has been marked by demonstrations by anti-Turkish groups, including Kurds, Armenians and Greek Cypriots opposed to any rapprochement.

Ozal made clear he was determined to stay the course and persevere along the "long and arduous" path towards normal neighbourly relations between the two North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) allies.

"It is obvious that we have to

help us out.

They should not look for headlines. I think they should look for where we can cooperate more... how you can push us to a conclusion, don't separate us. That is my suggestion," he said.

Although Papandreou and Ozal have discussed the tough fundamental issues which divide their nations, such as Cyprus and disputes over the Aegean Sea region, no progress has been reported.

In the morning, Ozal laid a wreath at the tomb of the unknown soldier in central Athens while riot police held hundreds of chanting demonstrators at bay. There was one brief clash which left some bloody noses.

Despite failing to make progress on the big issues, official sources in both delegations said another series of minor confidence-building measures was emerging in the discussions.

This included agreement that Papandreou would pay a reciprocal visit to Ankara and Istanbul in October.

Israeli ex-generals say compromise needed to avert another Mideast war

WASHINGTON (R) — Four retired Israeli generals called Monday for compromise on the Palestinian issue, saying present Israeli-Palestinian tensions would eventually bring an Arab-Israeli war.

Retired Major-General Aharon Yariv said the Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza "sooner or later will lead to a drawing together of the Arab states against Israel... which can lead to war between us and the Arabs under conditions which will be more difficult than us and any other."

Three other retired Israeli generals who held a news conference with Yariv calling for peace talks with Palestinians told Reuters they agreed with his statement.

The four generals are leaders of an Israeli organisation called the Council for Peace and Security which proposes putting most of the occupied West Bank and

Gaza under control of some demilitarised Palestinian entity.

Yariv said he personally would not call it a Palestinian state but said it would have to be demilitarised while Israeli forces would remain able to resist any Palestinian fighting or other military action.

The council also calls for some unspecified arrangement for Israel to be able to prevent any invasion across the Jordan River into the West Bank and on into Israel. It also calls for a transition period to the new Palestinian control.

Yariv said he believed Israeli settlers who chose to remain in the occupied territories would be under Palestinian rather than Israeli control.

But the generals refused to say specifically how much of the occupied territories should be returned, saying they were calling for negotiations.

They disagreed among them-

selves about details, Yariv saying the Golan Heights between Israel and Syria should be subject to negotiation but retired Major-General Ori Orr saying they should not.

Yariv was director of Israeli military intelligence from 1964 to 1972. Orr was chief of staff in 1981 of the Israeli central command, which includes the occupied West Bank.

Also at the news conference were retired Brigadier-General Yoram Agmon, an air force fighter pilot and squadron commander during the 1973 war, and Brigadier-General Ephraim Sneh, former head of "civil administration" for the West Bank.

The news conference was arranged by the American Jewish Congress, which said the four generals were to explain their views to U.S. Jewish groups nationwide Tuesday via satellite television.

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OPEC may extend current pact

VIENNA (R) — OPEC ministers, anxious to buoy sagging oil prices but divided on how to do it, looked Tuesday as if they would simply extend a current accord on output curbs until the end of the year.

Differences on how high prices could be pushed and fall-out from the Gulf war between OPEC founder members Iraq and Iran had compelled mediators to search for a compromise on what to do when the current pact expires at the end of this month.

It appeared Tuesday after four days of talks in Vienna that the ministers would end up agreeing it to disagree.

"I think there is an understanding for a rollover for six months," Iranian Oil Minister Gholamreza J. Aqazadeh told reporters at the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) conference.

The current accord, regarded as flawed by some OPEC leaders, assigns output quotas to 12 of the 13 members within a ceiling of 15.06 million barrels daily.

Iraq refused to sign it because it could not get a quota equal to that of Iran.

Iraq's Aqazadeh indicated Tuesday that he thought Iraq would continue to remain outside the group's output controls.

Iraq production raises total OPEC volume to about 18.2 million barrels daily. At least in recent months, this has been too high to propel prices to OPEC's target of \$18 a barrel and they are as much as \$4 below that level.

While predicting an agreement to extend the existing accord, the Iranian minister said nothing was certain. Talks could last until Wednesday, other delegates said.

Gold and oil prices have dipped in world markets because of OPEC's show of disarray. Gold, a hedge against inflation, fell because lower oil prices suggested a

reduced risk of inflation.

During the conference United Arab Emirates Oil Minister Mana Said Al Oteiba left unexpectedly, saying his quota was meaningless. But he was expected back Tuesday.

Iraq threatened to withdraw from the OPEC quota system and Iraq kept up its refusal to be involved.

The atmosphere was soured early on when Iranian speedboats attacked a British-flagged tanker off the coast of Saudi Arabia. Another Gulf shipping attack was reported Tuesday.

Delegates said that, in the fraught atmosphere, there did not seem much prospect of resolving basic differences to come up with a new and possibly more solid output agreement for the rest of 1988.

A majority of eight members wants tighter curbs on output to drive prices up, but Saudi Arabia and its Gulf allies favour slightly increased production, delegates said.

Saudi Arabia has consistently been wary of any OPEC move to tighten the market to the extent that prices rise sharply.

In bilateral talks it also became clear that the complex question of which grades of oil should be included in group-assigned output quotas was too difficult to solve here.

Some members accuse others of skirting quota limits by redefining some of their production. One vexed question is whether condensate natural gas counts as crude oil.

Little progress appeared to have been made on persuading Iraq to join the accord, delegates said.

Some delegates expected OPEC to announce another meeting with exporters from outside the group to discuss joint output cuts.

Talks with six non-OPEC producers in April ended with OPEC in disarray after the Saudis differed with the majority on the scale of production curbs.

TCC revenues rise

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — The Telecommunications Corporation (TCC) last year increased its revenues by JD 20 million and improved its performance from previous years. TCC Board Chairman and Transport and Telecommunications Minister Khaled Al Haj Hassan announced Tuesday.

The TCC now has assets estimated at JD 224 million and all financial reports indicate that the TCC is able to come up with funds to carry out projects included in its current five year plan, the minister said at a TCC board meeting held to discuss the corporation's final accounts of 1987.

The board reviewed measures to be taken for implementing the government's decision to transform the TCC into a public shareholding company, with the government and government affiliated bodies owning all of its shares in the first stage.

The final accounts indicate that the TCC's financial situation is good, but show that a certain sector of telephone subscribers were not

paying their dues despite the TCC's various efforts through the media and personal contacts over this issue, Haj Hassan noted.

The TCC, he said, has recently taken a number of measures designed to offer subscribers a chance to pay their dues in monthly instalments. As a result, payments last month increased by 20 per cent over the figures given in May 1987.

TCC Director General Mohammad Shahid Ismail said in a statement to the press last month that plans were being made for the transformation of the corporation into a public shareholding company which will be operating on the basis of generating profits.

He said a great deal of change has to be introduced in the TCC's administrative, organisational and financial systems.

The transformation process will be gradual and the first step

will entail the creation of shares which initially will be owned by the government and later offered to the public, Ismail said.

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Arab Investment Bank	12000	JD 25200
Arab Aluminium	13550	JD 22714
Parallel market:	26526	JD 11326
Development bonds:	453	JD 4829
Treasury bills & bonds:	—	—
Other debentures:	—	—

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on London foreign exchange and bullion markets Tuesday.		
One Sterling	1.8145/55	U.S. dollar
One U.S. dollar	1.2180/90	Canadian dollar
	1.7250/57	Deutschmarks
	1.9335/65	Dutch guilders
	1.4412/22	Swiss francs
	36.03/08	Belgian francs
	5.8190/8220	French francs
	1281/1282	Italian lire
	125.07/17	Japanese yen
	6.0110/60	Swedish crowns
	6.3020/70	Norwegian crowns
	6.5510/60	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	450.35/450.85	U.S. dollars

World Bank president urges more private investment in Third World

WASHINGTON (AP) — Barber B. Conable, president of the World Bank, urged business people of industrialised countries Tuesday to resume making investments in Third World nations.

Conable told a U.S. Chamber of Commerce meeting that the annual flow of net foreign investment to Third World countries reached \$15 billion in 1981, but has since dropped by a one-third.

But he said some movement was already under way.

"When a South Korean firm chooses to buy into a textile mill

in Togo — one of the Francophone countries... that were supposedly off-limits to non-French capital — or Japanese work out a way to revive a Venezuelan iron-ore processing facility, it is clear that the scope of private sector activity is widening and the pace is accelerating," Conable said.

The two projects are being aided by the International Finance Corporation, the part of the World Bank group that lends to private business. The rest of the bank, owned by 151 governments, is the chief source of aid loans to Third

World governments.

Conable noted that the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency, recently set up under bank auspices, will sell insurance to private business against war, violence and hostile actions by governments.

He also urged the U.S. Congress to appropriate funds to enable the United States to buy its share of the new stock being offered to governments in a general increase of the World Bank's capital.

"Until Congress acts to approve a callable commitment

of \$14 billion and to appropriate the first of six instalments of \$70 million in paid-in funds, America will have a diminished presence in the institution it brought to life," he said.

Only \$420 million needs to be appropriated. The rest of the capital is on call, but no call has been made in the bank's 44 year history. Enough governments have already pledged participation so that the capital increase can go into effect, enabling the bank to boost its lending from an annual \$17 billion now to well over \$20 billion in the 1990s.

The newspaper said that the Ministry of Supply was contacting

different departments to sound out their views about the new arrangement before announcing the decision.

The Ministry of Supply used to sell every 18 kilogrammes of oil for JD 26 before lowering the price to JD 24 and now to JD 20.

No reason was given for the reduction of price.

Reagan stresses more economic coordination among Western allies

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ronald Reagan called Monday for "a joint venture" between the United States and other industrialised democracies to

strengthen economic policy coordination, open more markets and ease the debt burden of poorer nations.

Previewing the points he will

push at the seven-nation economic summit commencing Sunday in Toronto, Reagan also said that finding "a common offensive" against money laundering and drug trafficking is of utmost importance.

In a speech to the Atlantic Council, a group that makes policy recommendations on the development of democracies around the world, the president also said there should be greater efforts to restore the economies of the Philippines and Afghanistan.

Reagan used much of his speech to extoll the virtues of his own economic policy of lowering tax rates, easing government regulation and otherwise encouraging U.S. business investment, and said he believes that many of the other industrialised democracies have begun to follow the U.S. pattern.

"This new consensus (on economic growth strategy) has not only brought the economies of America, Britain, Canada and so many other countries roaring back, it also has opened the way for coordination of economic policy among the summit countries that would have been unthinkable just a few years ago," he said.

"Those talks were scheduled to go for four years. They are now nearing the half-way point," he said. "It's time to narrow down and lay out specific goals, a road map and a timetable to the finish line."

"In Toronto, we, the heads of the major industrial states, can push our ministers to have that job completed by year's end. No excuses," he concluded.

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Government weighs setting up fund for industries

AMMAN (J.T.) — Al Dustour Arabic newspaper reported Tuesday that the studies are being made by concerned authorities for setting up a national fund to offer loans for industrial projects in the Kingdom.

The paper said that the fund would offer loans in accordance with studies on each case separately, and in the light of the market situation against a certain margin of fees.

Chinese press praises unemployment concept

PEKING (R) — Nearly a quarter of China's urban workforce is superfluous and unemployment is inevitable and good for the economy, the official press said in an unprecedented attack on the concept of full employment.

The People's Daily Monday said up to 30 million workers, out of the total urban labour force of 130 million, had nothing to do and passed time on the job playing poker or chess, watching television or racing on bicycles.

For three decades China has adhered to full employment, one of the basic tenets of its Socialist leaders, and boasting that unemployment is found only in capitalist countries.

But this army of underemployed costs the state up to 60 billion yuan (\$16.2 billion) a year

in wages and benefits, equal to half of what the treasury receives in taxes and profits from state-owned industries, the paper said.

It warned that this gross overstaffing, with most people working only three to four hours a day, led to low efficiency and was turning China into a nation of slackers.

Even more surprising, an article in Economic Information said unemployment was inevitable and good for the economy.

Previously, China did not speak of "unemployment" but of those "waiting for work", saying their number was few.

The article said that, in capitalist countries, unemployment was in the open, while in Socialist ones it was concealed inside state companies and factories.

In China under the old system, for ideological and policy reasons, unemployment was not allowed and surplus labour could not be pushed onto society," it said.

But this must change under the reformed economy, in which enterprises seek maximum profit and minimal labour costs. For this they need the best workers and unemployment is inevitable, it said.

Although unemployment means a drop in living standards and mental suffering for those without work, it makes the economy more rational, the daily said.

It also gives people a sense of risk, so that they stop wasting time on the job and discourages them from having children they may not be able to support.

"The question is no longer whether there is unemployment or not," the article said.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. trade deficit shrank to \$9.89 billion in April, the lowest level since December 1984, the government reported Tuesday.

The Commerce Department said a steep drop in imports helped push the deficit down by 15.5 per cent from the revised March figure of \$11.7 billion.

The report on the closely watched trade figures was likely to be cheered on financial markets because economists had expected the deficit to worsen, not improve, in April.

The government said that Americans' appetite for imports declined by 6.4 per cent to \$36.1 billion last month. Exports were also down, but by a smaller 2.5 per cent to \$26.2 billion. The trade deficit is the difference between imports and exports.

The markets were not particularly cheered by the March trade improvement, because it showed a steep rise in imports along with a record level of export sales.

The improvement gave the country its first single-digit trade deficit since a \$9.9 billion imbalance in August 1985. It was the lowest imbalance since an \$8.03 billion deficit in December 1984. The March deficit was originally

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West Germans cast cloud on Danish hopes

GELSENKIRCHEN, West Germany (Agencies) — West Germany shattered Denmark's dreams of glory at the European Soccer Championship finals when the hosts won a group one tie 2-0 Tuesday.

A 10th minute goal by newcomer Juergen Klinsmann and a second from little midfielder Olaf Thon four minutes from time was enough for West Germany to remain on course for the semi-finals.



Lothar Matthaeus

The adventurous Danish team again paid the price for complacency in defence — as they did in their 3-2 defeat to Spain Saturday.

The result left them with no chance of reaching the last four, a fact that will be regretted by neutral fans everywhere even if "Danish Dynamite" lacked the explosive force shown in the last championship in France four years ago or in the 1986 World Cup in Mexico.

The win gave West Germany three points from two matches

and took it a step closer to the semifinal round.

The defeat signalled the end of a talented Danish generation: Denmark still has to play Italy, but even a win would not be enough to qualify the Danes for the semifinal stage.

Spain was playing Italy in the other group 1 match later in Frankfurt.

Spain beat Denmark 3-2 in the opening round, while Italy and West Germany drew 1-1.

Both goals came after glaring errors by the Danish defence.

In the 9th minute, Soeren Lerby misheaded a clearing and landed the ball in front of Rudi Voeller. The West German striker was blocked by Danish goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel, but Klinsmann pounced on the rebound for an easy goal from close range.

West Germany's clincher came after a corner by Pierre Littbarski. Thon, the shortest man on the field, rose above the Danish defence and sent in a powerful header that left no chance for Schmeichel.

Danish defender Ivan Nielsen, a towering figure compared to Thon, was caught totally off guard when he should have easily beaten the West German midfielder to the ball.

Voeller nearly added a second in the 32nd minute after Lothar Matthaeus had jinked past defender Lars Olsen on the right and sent in a cross which the striker met well but just over the bar.

Two minutes later, West Germany again brought on Uli Borowka for defender Guido Buchwald, who had spent six minutes on the sidelines for treatment for a blow on his forehead.

GOREN BRIDGE

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PICK YOUR FINESSE

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH	*	Q 2
*	1 10	Q K J 9 2
WEST	4 A 10 8 6 3	* K J 10 7
*	9 6 5 3	Q K 5 3
V 7 6 4 2	Q 8 5 3	Q 7 6 4
*	5 2	* K 4
SOUTH	4 A 8 4	
V A Q 9	Q A Q 9	Q A Q 10
*	Q J 9 7	

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 3 ♣ Pass
6 ♦ Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead: Three of ♠

Life is a simple finesse; or, to be more accurate, a choice of one of two simple finesse. After a spade lead, covered by the queen and king and won by the ace, which finesse should South take to make his contract of six clubs—trumps or hearts—and why?

North's jump to three clubs was a slight stretch. South made the value bid of six clubs. He was correct to select the suit slam rather than no trump. Even though his hand was perfectly balanced, North rated to

have distributional features. Obviously, after the spade lead and finding the king with East, declarer cannot afford a losing finesse because the defenders will then cash the setting trick. Should declarer first take the trump finesse, or should he cross to dummy and go after hearts immediately?

The answer to that problem becomes obvious if you ask yourself one additional question: Should either finesse succeed, would that in itself guarantee the contract?

If you take a winning trump finesse, you still won't know whether your slam is secure. Even though you have avoided a trump loser, you are still dependent on the heart finesse to get rid of your spade loser on the third heart.

Now consider what would happen if the heart finesse were to succeed. You would repeat the finesse and discard your spade loser on a high heart. Now you could attempt the trump finesse for an overtrick, and you really wouldn't care much whether it won or lost.

Obviously, there is no point in taking a finesse which might cost the contract when another is available, which would guarantee the hand. So postpone the trump finesse and cross to the table to run the jack of hearts.

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Mohammed Bin Sulayem (second right) and codriver Ronan Morgan (second left) at the Intercontinental Hotel after a day's practice session.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

French club to sign top Soviet player

TOULOUSE, France (R) — Soviet defencer Vagiz Khidiatullin is to join Toulouse after the European Championship in West Germany, the French first division side said Monday. The experienced 29-year-old international signed a two-year-contract with Toulouse last month, club chairman Marcel Delois told a press conference but refused to say how much the French side had paid the Soviet Libero's team Spartak Moscow. It is the first time a Soviet player of Khidiatullin's stature has joined a Western club and the move is seen as a further sign of the liberalisation of Soviet sport. Two other Soviet players, Oleg Blokhin and Sergei Shavo, have recently signed contracts with Austrian clubs. But their transfers were seen as more symbolic deals since both men are semi-retired.

Wrong shirt costs Denmark \$700

DUESSELDORF, West Germany (R) — Denmark were fined 1,000 Swiss francs (\$700) Monday because their defencer John Sivebaek wore the wrong shirt in his team's European Championship match with Spain two days earlier. All players are allotted numbers for the duration of the championship but Sivebaek, who is supposed to be number two for Denmark, came out after halftime with number 12 on his shirt. The mistake was only noticed 30 minutes later when Denmark wanted to bring on their official number 12 Lars Olsen as substitute. Sivebaek hastily changed back to the correct shirt as the substitution was made. The fine was imposed by the European Football Union's Control and Disciplinary Committee who also cautioned Ireland for allowing their team doctor to go on to the pitch without permission during their match with England.

Chaney named Houston head coach

HOUSTON (AP) — Doc Chaney, chosen for his ability to communicate with his players, Monday was named head coach of the National Basketball Association (NBA) club of the Houston Rockets. Chaney, a former University of Houston player and former head coach of the Los Angeles Clippers, was the early favourite to replace Bill Fitch, fired June 6 after five seasons with the Rockets. Chaney arrived in Houston Sunday afternoon and the Rockets quickly called a news conference Monday to announce his selection. "It's a dream come true," Chaney said. "I always had it in the back of my mind to get back to Houston as the coach of the Rockets." Rockets general manager Ray Patterson said Chaney had the qualities to fit the Rockets' needs.

Vasco takes lead in Rio soccer finals

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Vasco da Gama beat Flamengo 3-1 Sunday to win the third and final round in the regular season of the Rio de Janeiro State Soccer Championship. Vasco, which also won the second round, now takes a 1-point advantage into the best-of-seven-points playoff against Flamengo for the state title. Led by all-star midfieler Geovani, Vasco dominated the much-anticipated encounter with its traditional rival, before 21,000 fans at Rio's Maracana stadium.

Lendl stands to meet Cash in Wimbledon semifinals

LONDON (R) — World number one Ivan Lendl, seeking the one prize that constantly eludes him, faces the prospect of a semifinal showdown with reigning champion Pat Cash at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships starting Monday.

The two were placed in the top half of the draw Tuesday which means, if all goes to plan, Lendl, the top seed, will have the chance to repay the Australian who frustrated his hopes of winning the men's singles title last year. Cash beat the Czechoslovak 7-6, 6-2, 7-5 in the final.

But first Cash, seeded fourth this year, must get past two-time champion Boris Becker whom he is seeded to meet in the quarterfinals.

The West German sixth seed signalled that he is on top form on his favourite surface by beating Swede Stefan Edberg 6-1, 3-6, 6-3 in the final of the London Grass-court Championship Sunday.

Lendl's projected quarterfinal opponent is seventh-seeded Frenchman Henri Leconte who beat him in the fourth round in 1985.

Second seed Mats Wilander of Sweden also faces the prospect of an interesting quarterfinal against three-time Wimbledon champion John McEnroe

Graf more confident of Wimbledon success

LONDON (R) — Steffi Graf, celebrating her 19th birthday Tuesday, said she was much more confident of winning Wimbledon this year than in 1987 when she lost in the final to Martina Navratilova.

The world's number one, chasing the third leg of tennis' Grand Slam after winning the Australian and French titles, said: "It's very important to me to win Wimbledon. It will be a big advantage to have reached the final last year when I didn't expect to do so well."

"I feel different this year, I'm much more confident. I now know I can do very well on grass." "It would be special for me to achieve the Grand Slam but at the moment I'm just concentrating on this tournament. I'm still looking to win every singles tournament I enter and to improve my game," she added.

Jordan International Rally kicks off today

Competitors expect tough fight in 'survivor's match'

By Ramia Atalla
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The starting shot for the 7th Jordan International Rally will be fired at 4 p.m. Wednesday day at the Roman Amphitheatre in downtown Amman, signalling the beginning of a three-day competition widely seen as one of the toughest in Middle East rallying.

The rally, dubbed by drivers as "a survivor's match," represents the third round of this year's Middle East Championship series. It is expected to test both drivers and cars as the 36 competitors cover 1,295 kilometres, including 37 special stages, over a three-day period.

"There will be two fights in this rally," Issa Halabi, a leading Jordanian driver told the Jordan Times. "The first will be between the international drivers (Saeed Al Hajri, Mohammad Bin Sulayem and David Llewellyn); and the second between leading local drivers," he added.

Bin Sulayem said he expected that during the first day, competition from Jordanian drivers would be considerable because "they are familiar with the Jerash route, which is hilly and where there is not much leeway for speed."

He added, however, that "during the second and third days, competition from Jordanian drivers will be minimised because our cars are tougher and in the desert there is more leeway for speed."

Last year's national champion Hani Bisharat told the Jordan Times his expectations for the rally: "The first day we may be close, but it will be a miracle if we beat them. The second and third days are impossible. Our main concern is to give a good performance on the first day, that would be good enough."

Despite all that, Jordanian drivers seemed to approach Wednesday's event with a team spirit. "Jordanians should compete against the non-Jordanians as one team," Bisharat said. "It is not important who wins as long as Jordanians are among the leaders," he added.

The final and shortest leg of the rally takes competitors through the King's Highway to Qatranch and back to the Alia Gateway Hotel, the last servicing station. The finish line will be at the Amman Marriott Hotel where the final results are issued.

Almost all the non-Jordanian drivers commended the organisation of the rally. "This rally is one of the best in organisation and in the quality of its special stages," Hajri said. "It gives a certain dimension to the rally that enables us to better test the car," he added.

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Bin Sulayem agreed adding that Jordanian drivers "may have a home ground advantage, and they are very capable drivers but their cars do not compare (to those of the non-Jordanian drivers)."

"George is an experienced, careful driver with good skills. But he does not drive to the limit. Neither do I," Halabi added explaining that "right now we are keen on finishing the race. Personally, I am hoping to have a trouble-free run."

Many of the non-Jordanian drivers agreed that Jordanian drivers have a lot of potential, having proved that through their performance in past rallies.

"They have proved themselves to be capable drivers, but their cars do not help," Bin Sulayem said. Hajri advised that these local drivers should be supported by car companies so they can compete with others and gain the necessary experience.

Wednesday's rally, sponsored by Rothmans and organised by the Royal Automobile Club of Jordan, is comprised of three parts. The first leg, mostly asphalt, crosses the northern part of the Kingdom passing through the city of Jerash, the first of three servicing and regrouping stations.

Bin Sulayem described that leg as most difficult because "it is hilly and the streets are narrow." Participants are expected to return to the Amman Marriott Hotel shortly after midnight at the end of the first day.

The second and longest leg takes drivers south towards the ancient Nabataean city of Petra, the second servicing and regrouping station. They are expected to arrive at the Amman Marriott Hotel around 7 p.m.

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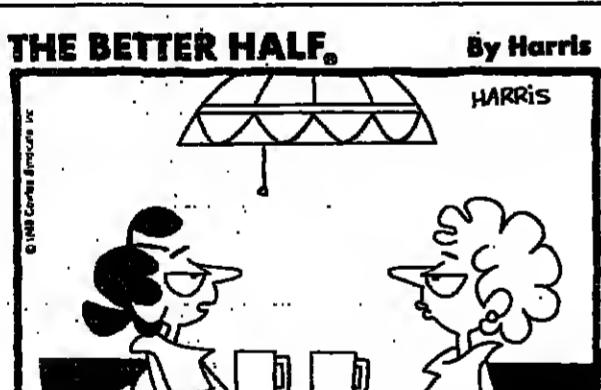
George Khayyat, another leading Jordanian driver: "I would like to see Jordanians at the top. Personally I plan to be one of the top 5 in this rally."

Hajri, expected to drive a Nissan 240 RS Wednesday, said that among Jordanians, the competition for first and second place will be between Bisharat and this year's leading Jordanian competitor, His Royal Highness Prince Abdullah.

Following these two, Halabi

THE BETTER HALF

By Harris



Armenians end strike

MOSCOW (R) — Protesters in Yerevan called off a strike Tuesday after being assured of official support for uniting disputed Nagorno-Karabakh with Armenia but the Azerbaijani parliament said it would not yield the territory.

Communist Party chiefs of both republics also warned the populace against letting emotions get the upper hand in the bitter tug-of-war over the future of Nagorno-Karabakh, a predominantly Armenian enclave inside Azerbaijan.

"All the accumulated problems must be solved without emotionalism," Armenian Party Chief Serun Arutunyan told crowds in the Armenian capital Monday. Yerevan radio reported Tuesday.

A general strike that brought Yerevan to a standstill Monday was cancelled after Arutunyan promised a crowd of 100,000 that the Armenian parliament would back their demands, a spokesman

for Armenpress news agency said.

"The situation is normalising. There is no tension in the city and no strikes," the spokesman told Reuters by telephone from Yerevan Tuesday.

But in Azerbaijan, the parliament declared the Armenians would not have their way.

The praesidium of the Azerbaijani Supreme Soviet said ceding Nagorno-Karabakh to Armenia was "unacceptable" and "contrary to the interests of the Azerbaijani and Armenian population of the republic," Baku radio reported Tuesday.

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Protesters from the newly formed Democratic Union Party march in Moscow last weekend demanding the release of political prisoners

February, sparked mass demonstrations of support in Yerevan and ethnic turmoil in both transcaucasian republics that has taken 35 lives.

The Kremlin ruled out any immediate boundary changes in March, but the protest continued.

The Armenian parliament will

consider the same appeal from Nagorno-Karabakh, a mountainous territory with a population of 184,000, when it meets Wednesday in a televised session.

Even if it votes in favour, as expected, the territory cannot be ceded without the approval of Azerbaijan and Kremlin authorities.

Pioneer 10 seeks mystery planet

MOUNTAIN VIEW, California (AP) — Spacecraft Pioneer 10 is still searching for a 10th planet five years after leaving the known solar system, U.S. Space Agency scientists said Monday.

Disturbances in the orbits of Neptune and Uranus suggest that a mysterious planet X may be orbiting beyond Pluto. John D. Anderson of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Jet Propulsion Laboratory said as NASA observed the fifth anniversary of Pioneer 10's dash past Pluto's orbit.

Pioneer 10, launched in 1972 and now over 6.4 billion kilometres from home even though it was guaranteed for only 21 months, also is searching for long gravity waves produced by Albert Einstein, and the boundary of the sun's gravity influence.

The radio signals the 286-kilogram

ramme space probe is sending back are not very powerful and take six hours to get here at the speed of light. But they are important to researchers trying to solve some classical puzzles about the universe.

The tiny craft is expected to operate only another seven to 10 years, Fimmel said, and may run out of energy before it reaches interstellar space.

Before that, however, Pioneer 10 may give scientists clues to the shape of the heliosphere. And it is relaying strong evidence suggesting planet X or possibly two smaller unknown planets exist.

"We have a 90 to 99 per cent confidence that Uranus and Neptune are being disturbed, and one candidate for that is a single planet X," said Anderson. "It's conceivable there could be other gravitational effects on the two orbits."

AIDS meeting offers help to Third World

STOCKHOLM (R) — Leading AIDS researchers were meeting Tuesday to offer a helping hand to Third World countries which cannot afford to fight the spread of the killer disease.

Robert Gallo, co-discovered of the virus which causes acquired immune deficiency syndrome,

told a news conference Monday he and some colleagues were helping to form a group which would channel research and money from rich nations to poor.

"One idea we have is to select a particular country in the Third World and turn it into a showcase for treatment and research," said

Gallo. "The idea of having a showcase country is only one of many. But it could be a way of attracting other, more reluctant, states," he added.

Gallo presented the project at the International Conference on AIDS.

Soviets see increased NATO Arctic activity

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet army newspaper charged Tuesday that the United States and North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) are stepping up military activity in the Arctic in an apparent attempt to compensate for American nuclear missiles to be destroyed in Europe.

Krasnaya Zvezda said the Pentagon was going ahead with plans

for the Arctic region dating back to the early 1980s, including deployment of sea-launched cruise missiles.

"Facts testify that some people in the West link plans to compensate for American nuclear missiles to be destroyed in Europe to the northern and Arctic regions," it said.

Krasnaya Zvezda said the Pentagon was going ahead with plans

range nuclear missiles are to be destroyed under the Intermediate Nuclear Force (INF) Treaty recently ratified by the United States and the Soviet Union.

The NATO plans for the Arctic included deploying 1,000 Tomahawk cruise missiles with conventional and nuclear warheads on board submarines and ships, Krasnaya Zvezda said.

Pentagon disputes SDI assessment

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. Defence Department Monday took issue with a congressional staff report which concluded that President Reagan's "Star Wars" missile defence system was in deep trouble.

"Unfortunately, this report contains more misleading assertions than facts," the Pentagon's Strategic Defence Initiative Organisation said in a statement.

The report by the staff of three senior Democratic members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Bennett Johnston of Louisiana, Dale Bumpers of Arkansas and William Proxmire of Wisconsin, was made public at the weekend.

Among its many findings, it said the effectiveness of space

based interceptors would be seriously reduced by Soviet counter-measures.

A report in this week's Aviation Week and Space Technology, an industry journal, said that a key element of the Star Wars system, the space-based interceptor (SBI), was "dead in the water."

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week to criticise the SDI programme.

The first, issued by the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment, questioned whether the computer software

would work as planned.

Gorbachev, Najibullah threaten Pakistan

MOSCOW (Agencies) — Kremlin leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev and Afghan President Najibullah Monday warned of "resolute retaliatory measures" if Pakistan continues to aid the Afghan Mujahideen battling the Kabul government.

The warning, the first of its kind directly from Gorbachev, came as sources in Pakistan reported that Soviet forces had returned to some cities in eastern Afghanistan to fight the Mujahideen who have raided posts defended by Afghan troops.

Since shortly before the Moscow summit, the Soviets have been warning Pakistan and the United States that continuing to arm the fighters violated the accords signed in Geneva April 15. Under those accords, the Kremlin agreed to withdraw its estimated 115,000 troops from Afghanistan by Feb 15, 1989.

During the summit, Gorbachev did not make any warnings about Afghanistan, said U.S. officials, who predicted then that the Soviets would complete the withdrawal.

Thousands of Soviet troops have already come home.

U.S. officials, in rejecting Soviet complaints about aid still flowing to the Mujahideen, pointed out an exchange of letters

between U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze that each side would arm its Afghan allies as long as the other did so.

In another development, Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady I. Gerasimov lashed out against Pakistan for maintaining what he called an "infrastructure of interference" — military camps, training centres for the armed groups of the opposition, all manner of subversive, terroristic groups" on Pakistani territory.

Gerasimov also criticised a White House statement that he said tried to justify Pakistan's continued supply of arms to the rebels, saying the Kremlin rejected a U.S. proposal for mutual termination of aid.

Border fire-up

Afghan and Pakistani troops exchanged rocket and artillery fire Tuesday near a strategic border town, killing at least three Pakistani civilians and wounding 10, Pakistani officials said.

Afghan soldiers fired about 20 artillery shells or rockets Monday night on a village near the Pakistani town of Chaman, 96 kilometres north-west of Quetta city, official sources in Quetta told Reuters.

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Britain tries to win art collection

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Prince Charles have joined in a campaign to win for Britain one of the greatest private art collections in the world, news reports said Monday. The 1,600 paintings of Swiss baron Heinrich Thyssen-Bornemisza are regarded as the finest art collection in private hands after that of Queen Elizabeth II. The paintings are conservatively valued at £780 million (\$1.41 billion). In the fierce international competition for the collection, Spain has been regarded as the favourite. The baron, grandson of the Ruhr steel magnate who armed German forces in World War I, made a commitment to Spain to show the bulk of his paintings in Madrid for at least 10 years. But government sources in London confirmed Monday that Thatcher has written to the baron.

Vietnamese family reunites

SAN FRANCISCO (R) — A 13-year-old girl who was separated from her family a decade ago when they fled Vietnam in a crowded fishing boat had a tearful reunion with her parents and sister Monday. Maih Quay Chan was left behind after the vessel's captain was left behind after the vessel's captain was too crowded with refugees and said they could take only of their two children. The mother, Chan Thi Thanh, and the father, Chan Hung, selected their five-month-old daughter Chan Dong because of her age. Maih Quay was left in the care of a grandmother. Their only contact since 1978 had been through an exchange of letters.

"The first thing I'm going to do is take her to the shopping mall," Dong, now 10, told reporters as she met her older sister at San Francisco international airport. Maih Quay, her cheeks streaked with tears, accepted a bouquet of balloons and a box of candy from Dong.

Wright lamp sold for \$704,000

NEW YORK (R) — A lamp designed by architect Frank Lloyd Wright sold for \$704,000 at Christie's Saturday, setting a record price for 20th century American decorative art, the auction house said. A Christie's spokeswoman said the pagoda-shaped bronze and glass lamp was made in 1903 for the Robie House in Chicago, the most famous of the so-called "prairie-style" houses designed by Wright at the start of the century. She said the previous record price for a piece of 20th century American decorative art was set last year when Christie's sold a dining room table and eight chairs designed by Wright for \$594,000. The spokeswoman identified the buyer only as a New York art dealer.

Landmark verdict in tobacco case

NEWARK, New Jersey (AP) — A landmark jury verdict gives a smoker's widow \$400,000 in damages, the first time a tobacco company has been ordered to pay money for disease caused by cigarettes.

But the three tobacco companies sued called the verdict a victory and the jury's award a vote of sympathy for the husband of Rose Cipollone, who died of lung cancer after smoking 1½

packs a day for 40 years.

The U.S. district court jury Monday exonerated the cigarette makers Liggett Group Incorporated, Lorillard Incorporated and Philip Morris Incorporated of conspiring to mislead the public about smoking's dangers.

Instead, it decided Liggett failed to warn about the dangers of cigarettes and violated its promise, or "express warranty," to produce a safe product.

Whales attack yacht

LONDON (AP) — A West German cargo ship Monday rescued an English yachtsman whose vessel sank after an apparent attack by a herd of whales during a trans-Atlantic yacht race, the coast guard said. A distress message received by the coast guard in Falmouth said the yacht had come under attack by whales 1,600 kilometres west of the southwest tip of England, the defence ministry said. David Sellings, 41, who was competing in the Carlsberg single-handed trans-Atlantic race, told rescuers the 7.5-metre yacht sank in seconds but that he managed to recover his dinghy and set off a distress beacon. Sellings escaped unharmed, the coast guard said.

Unlike these two countries, also in the shadow of South Africa, Lesotho has virtually no mineral and agricultural wealth.

Its treeless mountains are bare and overgrazed, its fields carved by the gullies of soil erosion, and it depends more and more on foreign food aid to keep its 1.6 million people alive.

After 20 years of Jonathan's dictatorial rule, Lesotho was still taking 95 per cent of its imports from South Africa, and sending it 93 per cent of its exports.

Despite its membership of the nine-nation Southern African Development Coordination Conference, which is dedicated to cutting dependence on South Africa, there is little hope of these figures changing.

Pretoria will be the main partner in a two billion dollar scheme launched in 1986 to pipe Lesotho's highland water — its only abundant resource — north into Transvaal, South Africa's industrial heartland.

Lesotho's currency unit, the Maloti, is pegged to the South African rand, which is legal tender everywhere here.

And when freak snowstorms cut off huge areas of the country last October, it was South Africa which supplied helicopters for the rescue operation.

Encircled by S. Africa, Lesotho survives

By John Morrison
Reuter

MASERU — North, south, east, west, whichever way the Basotho look down from their mountaintops, they have only one neighbour — South Africa.

This fact of geography has shaped Lesotho's fate since King Moshoeshoe I led his people up into the highlands in the 1820s, saving them from conquest by the advancing Boers.

South Africa and Lesotho have got to learn to live together because we are completely surrounded," Colonel Sekhobe Letsie, a member of the six-man military council, said in an interview.

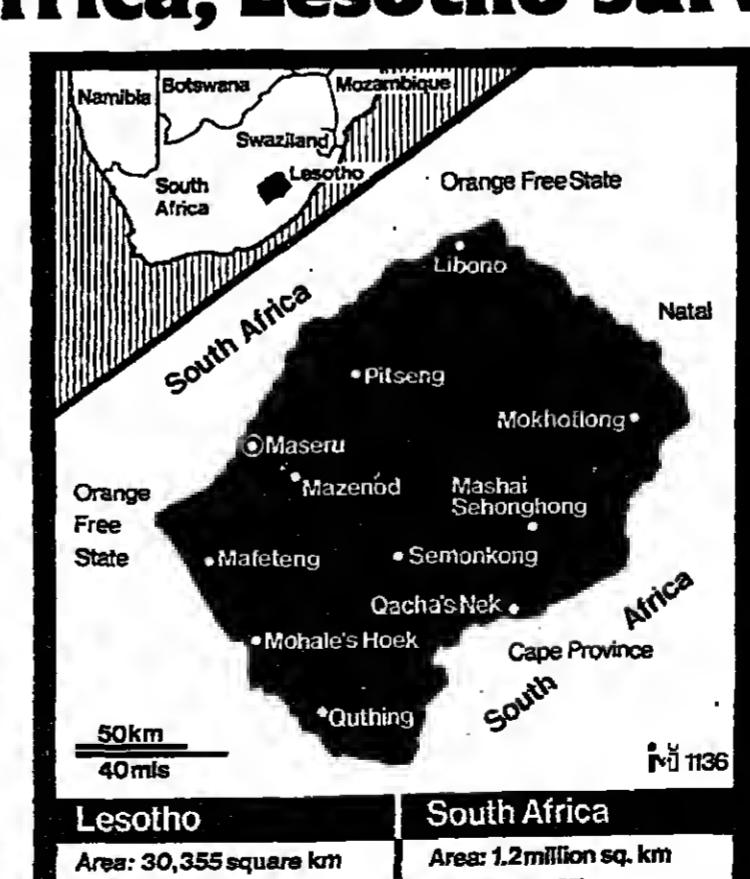
Since the council, headed by General Justin Lekhanya, overthrew Prime Minister Leabua Jonathan January 20, 1986, Lesotho has swung closer to its powerful neighbour.

Pretoria's Deputy Foreign Minister Neil van Heerden came to Lesotho's capital Maseru at the end of May to celebrate South Africa's republican day, and was presented with a woven wall-hanging by Lekhanya.

South Africa's trade commissioner Gbemah J.J. Geldenhuys said in an interview that soldiers of the South African defence force were building a military hospital just outside the capital.

"There is very good cooperation between security forces on both sides of the border," he said.

The new cross-border cordiality has replaced the confrontation of the Jonathan years, when South African troops regularly raided Maseru in search of African National Congress (ANC) members. In one such attack in 1982, 42



Lesotho
Area: 30,355 square km
Population: 1.3m
GNP per head: \$280
Independent: 1966

South Africa
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Population: 27m
GNP per head: \$1,480

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